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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, Applicant hereby submits this Amendment and Response. A shortened statutory period for response of three months was set. With this Amendment and Response, Applicant has submitted a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension of the due date to September 29, 2006 and payment of the required fee.

Please enter the amendment as set forth below. Applicant has included a complete listing of all the claims indicating the status of each of the claims.